

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Planning Committee

Tuesday, February 2, 2021, 2:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Will Brinker (TEEM), Ed McCormick (TEEM), Will Conklin (Greenagers), Emily Eyre (EGC), Joyce Frater (ConCom), Patrick Riordan (ConCom), Bill Tynan (ConCom), Dave Rejeski, Bruce Bernstein (COA), Melissa Provenchar, BRPC, Mark Malloy, BRPC, Lauren Gaherty, BRPC

Recording: Juliette Haas (BOH, Sustainability Coordinator)

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm. The minutes from the January 5, 2021 were approved as presented.
- 2) The committee discussed the schedule for the future interviews for the Certified Municipal Provider. In order to meet the April application deadline it was felt the committee will keep to weekly Tuesday at 2:00 pm meetings until three firms are interviewed allowing the committee enough time to make their recommendation to the Select Board by March.
- 3) Melissa Provenchar, Mark Malloy and Lauren Gaherty from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission spoke to their experience with the MVP program, the work they have done preparing integrated Hazard Mitigation Plans and Climate Action Plans for many communities in the region and how they would approach such a plan for the Town of Egremont. The three members of BRPC spoke to their skills and experience in creating HMPs and integrated HMPs/CAPs, their knowledge of regional resources and needs and GIS mapping skills. They anticipated the timeline for the Planning Grant would begin in June of 2021 with the completion of the plan by the end of summer 2022. They felt the approximate \$22,000 typically funded through an MVP Planning Grant would adequately cover their fee to prepare an integrated HMP/CAP for the Town of Egremont.
- 4) Upon completion of the interview with members of the BRPC the meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm. The next MVP Planning Committee meeting will be held on February 9th at 2:00 pm to interview members of BSC Group, the firm that prepared the Climate Action Plan for Sheffield/New Marlborough/Sandisfield.

Juliette Haas
Approved 2/9/2021